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# FROM WOOD N COHOL

POISON CLAIMS OVER ING HOLIDAY SEAS

Death List Extends from O Ocean and the Lakes to the Gulf.

Victims of wood alcohol poisoning were counted by the hundreds du

culiar. It suddenly developed that and sufficient number of law enthe evil is nationwide.

ford, Conn., flashed word that thir- now teen men had died there from wood impossible a repetition of this Christalcohol poisoning and called on the mas police of New York to trace the source of the "murder whiskey" believed to have been sent out of this city in large quantities.

All governmental agencies were instantly aroused to action. The police, Secree Service, Internal Revenue agents and federal prosecuting officials united in running down the illi-cit "moonshiners" who are turning wood alcohol into fortunes.

Chicopee, Mass. Dec. 28 .- United States Marshal Edward J. Leyden, today arrested four men of federal warrants, two charging violation of the wartime prohibition act and two illegal transportation of liquor from State to State. The arrests resulted from his investigation into the deaths of more than fifty persons in the Con-necticut wood alcohol contained in a mixture sold as whiskey.

Four more deaths had resulted since early this morning from alcohol in Chicopee, bringing the total for the Connecticut valley, not including Hartford, to f ifty-two, divided as follows:

Only Tresecutor Harrison and County poisoning, three in Holyoke and one

Chicopee, thirty-six, including two women; Holyoke, nine; Springfield, four, including one woman; Greeneld, one and Thompsonville, Conn.,

Those under arrest on the federal warrants are, John Nasaizewski, of Chicopee, and Harr Shapiro, of Springfield, truck driver, who charged with bringing the liquor into the valley; Adam Ostrowski and shortly John W. Starszyk, both of Holyoke, charged with violation of the wartime prohibition act. They will be arraigned before a United States commissioner Monday morning. All were releas-

New Haven, Conn., with warrants caarging murder against four men who have been arrested in that city. The warrants were sworn out, the William Baker, of this town, who is held on a manslaughter charge, and Harry Shapiro, of Springfield.

valley, the number decreased consid-slight erably over Friday and Saturday. The number increased in Holyoke, giving the impression that some of the liquor bought in that city may have been consumed since Friday, when thefirst signs of the poisoning became dent.

Hartford, Conn. Dec. 28-No addipoisoning were reported here today, 1. Teday's victim was 73 years old. persons known to be ill here from that whistey, The coroner and members of himself to Revenue Agent Dobbs. cause. Four of these were reported his staff also will make a tour of intensity in a critical condition. tonight in a critical condition.

No further arrests were made here against poisonous liquors. today. Seven men are held in coned with murder.

Another death was added to the Connecticut total today, when a woman died in Meridian from the effects by the police of numerous deaths at- 56, was added tonight to the toll of have contained wood alcohol. of poisonous liquor.

Six Men Arrested.

me were arrested here today in conture perfumery have been issued to onous liquor. nection with the sale of wood alcohol approximately 2,000 persons of whom Chicopee,

to contain wood alcohol were confis- ing to hundreds of thousands of dol- homicide in causing the death of cured the liquar from Alexander Percated in a barn on the outskirts of lars. the city. According to the police, four Another death in New York from were all held without bail and will rest on the charge of manslaughter. barrels of liquor were shipped from poisotous liquor was reported today, be arraigned in court here tomorrow. Two of the five gallons which Lyon the barn to Chicopee, Mass., where that if Eugene Massiello, who drank a large number have died from drink- a large quantity of "wine" before he ward Lyons, proprietor of the Had-sold, the other three being destroy-victims. Tha ing a wood alcohol mixture. The six died An autops will be made tomor- ley hotel in Hadley, was arrested this ed. men held are alleged to have been row.

the owners of the liquorestored in John C. Varent, a farmer, who died out by state Detective Joseph V. hospitals and homes, no new deaths tuberculosisthe barn. They received \$1,050 a bar-shorly after being taken to a hospi- Daly of Northampton. The arrest re- resulted today. Many of those ill can rel for the four barrels sent to Chico-bee, it is said.

victim of wood alcohel and will also deaths throughout this section of died in the Connection of the subject of an autopsy.

ASKS FOR DEATH PENALTY.

League Wants Violators Punished.

vest further loss of life through word alcohol, more than 100 southern dry leaders passed a resolution to that Captur effect today. The resolution, which was introduced by E. Y. Clarke, southern campaign director for the Anti-Saloon League, also called for Victims of wood alcohol poisoning the death penalty for those found were counted by the hundreds during the holidays when the nation awoke suddenly to the grave periliphic which has followed closely in the wake of prohibition.

Every section of the country had its list of dead—men and women killed by the poison sold to them as whiskey. Each hour the list was growing larger. Each community had believed its case was isolated and peculiar. It suddenly developed that the death penalty for those found nent officers be provided to in-This crisis was revealed when Hart-ord, Conn., flashed word that thir-now on the statute books, to make ragedy.

### PRIMARY AT LATTA.

is Bethea Receives Nomination Mayor Over T. W. Berry.

nominated for mayor over the incumbent 1. W. Berry by a majority of 14 votes. Following is the vote as cast for myor and aldermen:

For Mayor:

W. E	is Bethea
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Col-lecter of Internal Revenue Charlie Duffy have started investigations which caused the deaths. laims Another Victim.

Pa., Dec. 28--"Whiskey

two weeks three deaths have for the government. Withi occurred here from the same cause

Beath ist Reaches Fifteen.

deah here from alcohol poisoning Panarelli, who acted

November 1, up to fifteen.

oner

Year 2,000 Permits Issued.

that the men are "wanted for hom- a galon, and those who bought it ticut valley, were brought to this ampton tomorrow morning. acide in Massachusettes."

for other than the making of per- city tonight and arrested by Massa- According to District Attor

# SELLING PEISON Atlanta, Dec. 29-Calling on Con-

DRIVE.

of Score or More Expected by Officials of Government.

tate and city authorities were ficials said today. the federal officials.

drinking wood alcohol and other 11- senate. light concections continued to mount sabeth, Passaic, and one from New c.eet in the immediate future. Latta vesterday W. Ellis Bathea was being critically ill tonight from al-trusted to it,

Daniel L. Porter, supervising revenue dustry and that it is impossible as yet in the year. to tell how far the ramifications of the trade extend.

agents are those of John Romanelli, cussed. a Brooklyn undertaker and Samuel Saleeby, a Brooklyn druggist, who lie Duffy have started investigations New England. The two men were re-to trace the source of the liquor leased tonight on \$25,000 ball pending further examination.

Panarelli, a former saloon keeper, containing wood alcohol claimed an- Carmine Licenziato, Amendio Deloother vetim here tonight when a lo- ome and Luigi Puca, Italian grocers. merchant died in a hospital Panarelli has made a statement to the after being admitted, totally authorities in regrd to the method The police arrested a former employed for the distribution of the

and an Eastonian died in Battle which Romanelli is accused of having cember 18, by the Rev. J. A. McMil-Men Charged With Murder.

Marshal Alfred Caron, of the Chicopee police, left this afternonn for the continuous of the chicopee police, left this afternonn for the chicopee police, left this afternonn for the chicopee police, left this afternoon f Panarelli after the sale and denounc- young lady and will be greatly missed him for having charged him \$3,- ed by the younger set of her section.

police say, on information given by since Christmas when several cases agent claims, Colonel Porter said, best wishes for a long and happy life. nations, upon every official body that Coker College, Bertha Moore from admitted to hospitals, occurred that he took a sample of the liquor today. One new case was reported to a druggist who confirmed the saman found unconscious in a ho- loon keeper's word that it was poison. Although several new cases of the poisoning were reported today in the sicians say his chances of recovery are valley, the number decreased consid-Today's death brings the total since phone not to sell any of these barrels mony being performed by Rev. Mr. but without strict governmental con-Another Death Reported.

Chicago, Dec. 28—Another man sold a barre of a dealer in Chicage, couple arrived in Dillon and spent problem will never be solved. The evil John David Ha was reported dead today as the result Mass., and smaller quantities to oth- the holidays with Mr. and Mrs. Philip growing is rotting the wrole social evi- of dinking wood alcohol. If authen- er dealers in Hartford but that he Osteen. The bride is a native of New fabric. It is only the poorest classes ticated as a poison liquor death Chi- would try and recover as much of York, but has been in Sumter several that the health departments can him a speedy recovery. cagos total of Christmas poisonings the liquor as he could. Later he was months where she is popular among reach, and even when cured the pational deaths from wood alcohol to date number 9, or 35 since July informed by Saizberg that he had got a large circle of friends. The groom tients are likely to return to the drug the list of dead remaining at thirteen, the total recorded Saturday forenoon.

Employers were asked today by which had been sold in Chicopee. After the reading of the deaths from wood lon but all over the state. Mr. and Dr. Copeland declared that Two more cases of persons suffering workers tomorrow and warn them alcohol poisoning in Connecticut and Mrs. Alford have returned to Sumter Riverside Hospital the health de from the effects of poisonious liquor against the use of wood alcohol and Massachusetts, Panarelli went to a where they will make their home. were listed in hospitals, making eight other questionable substitutes for lawyer and on his advice surrendered

seppe, laborers.

New York, Drc. 28-Investigation, Another death that of John Smith, tributed to wood alcohol poisoning wood alcohol poisoning. He lived in

afternoon on three warrants sworn

# **GOMPROMISE TALK**

WASHINGTON.

quested to Call Meeting of Council.

York, Dec. 28-With six men Wilson has not been invited to call price to the Cuban producers for the ody, alleged ring leaders in a the first meeting of the council of crop which is in advance of the regracy to flood New York, New the league of nations after ratifica- ular output," said Mr. Williams. "We and New England with pols- tion of the treaty of Versailles has can not control the prices charged by Mrs. Addie Watson McCutchen bad substitutes for whiskey, fed- been completed, state department of- Cubans."

disjensers is expected according to powers but the United States will to 14 or 15 cents a pound. he meantime the toll of death coucil by reason of the fact that the serious illness caused through treaty has not been ratified by the PROHIBITION INCREASED

The treaty provides that the first in New York and adjacent cities. meeting of the assembly of the lea-

Peace treaty compromise talk alcoholic poisoning.

Thoroughly aroused by the ever reached a formal tage today when "In New York cit growing list of fatalities the authori- Senator McNary of Oregon, a leader ties held several conferences during of the mild reservation Republicans, and 200,000 drug addicts. I dare not the day at which cooperation was discussed various compromise suggesplanned between the different federal tions with Senator Hitchcock of Neand municipal departments. Col. braska, acting Democratic leader. It of prohibition has more than doubled was said that although no agreement the number of drug fiends. Prohibiagent for New York, who is at the came out of the conference the conhead of the campaign for the federal versation took a hopeful turn. Aftergovernment, declared tonight that ward both senators semed confident New York city is the headquarters that a middle ground could be found

The reservations in the majority program dealing with Article 10, The two most important arrests Shantung and voting power in the lea- ring in New York. For months now made so tar, according to the federal gue of nations, it was said were dis-

During the day Senator Hitchcock are accused of the poison throughout Senator Swanson of Virginia, a Democrat of the foreign relations commit\_ say just now. as present during a part of the Republican side.

# STANTON-McCALL.

Mr. Edgar Stanton and Miss Lillie McCall, the second daughter of Mr. policemen and his wife in connection liquor in New England ald it was and Mrs. David McCall of the Red with the case. were quitely married at the Baptist national control of crude opium. Hhe Two of seven barres of liquor parsonage at McColl Thursday, De-

# Domhoff-Alford.

keeper over the long distance tele-ter last Saturday afternoon, the cere- can heal some of these poor victims, of the liquor he had bought. Saizberg Marion, pastor of the Presbyterian trol as to prohibit the possibility of back almost all except a half barrel is a well known traveling man and upon the first physical pain, moral

Mrs. T. A. Guy of Fayetteville died patients are daily being A still and ,500 gallons of liquor Saturday, December 27th. Mrs. Guy, ally diminishing dose were seized tonight in a raid in the before her marriage, was Miss Mary they are addicted t basement of an apartment house in Butler, formerly of Dillon. She had opened last spring Many of the deaths ocurred among the Bronz by city detectives. Three been married nearly three years. She government, nection with the wood alcohol "whis- laboring men whom the community men were arrested who described leaves besides her husband, two clean-up cam key" sales, four of them being charg- could not afford to lose, said the cor- themselves as Louis Dezito, an ice brothers. W. T. and R. C. Butler of sources of in dealer; Vitele Cello and Joseph Guis- Fayetteville and one sister, Mrs. J. hundreds C. McCormick, of Dillon.

Lyon is charged with manslaught- cases revealed tonight that in the last three a Fulton street house where four er in causing the derth of Michael male. Haven, Conn., Dec. 28-Six months federal permits to manufac-others have died from drinking pois- Schinski of Hadley, who died Sunday. It is alleged he drank some of the Chicopee, Mass., Dec. 29-Five poisonous liquor said to have been of the "whiskey," which they are alleged to a standard the sale of wood alcohol and the request of the district attorney of of pemits are estitled to buy what is the sale of whole sale of whole the sale of whiskey alleged to have contained wood alcohol and the refer to illegal liquor selling. He will the under t Westfield, Mass., who telegraphed known as 'cologne spirits' at \$4.80 of nearly 60 persons in the Connec- be arraigned in district court in North

According to District Attorney John of the pati Two barrels of compound believed fumer have made purchases an ount-chusetts authorities on charge of H. Schoonmaker of Ware, Lyons se-Michael Bednarz of this city. They ry of this town, who is also under ar- feurs, drive

> Although several persons are ill in even persons have ticut valley from

SUGAR WILL ADVANCE.

Advance Crop Will Bring Twenty Cents a Pound.

New York, Dec. 29-The public probably will have to pay 20 cents a DUR- ment of the prohibition laws to pre- ARRESS MADE IN NEW YORK CONFERENCE OF SENATORS IN pound for the advance crop of 9,000-000 pounds of Cuban sugar, now be ing delivered and distributed here, President Wilson Has Not Been Re- according to a statement today by News Items of Interest to Herald Federal Food Administrator liams.

"This is due to the fact that deal Washington, Dec. 30 — President ers here are required to pay a higher

After one other shipment next united tonight in a various pursuit There was a suggestion some time month, it is expected that the regular "Peggy" as she was familiarly called purveyers of the poisonous ago that the invitation be extended 1920 crop of Cuban sugar will com- by relatives and friends was loved by beveages which have caused scores to him but the question was not de- mence coming into the United States everybody. If she had an enemy aths and hundreds of cases of termined at that time. Some admin- and with the delivery of the regular have never heard of it. She leaves a of daths and hundreds of cases of termined at that time. Some admin- and with the delivery of the regular father and mother, several brothers blinkness and illness. The capture of intration officials believe he will accord, Mr. Williams said, he and this father and mother, several brothers at east a score or more of the poison quiesce in a request from the ahled aids would try to keep the price down and sisters, two boys, now fatherless

# THE DRUG ADDICT

New York, Dec. 29-Health Com-During the day four more deaths were gue shall be called by the president missioner Royal S. Copeland, upon retorded, one each from Newark, Eli-but the assembly is not expected to reading reports tonight that there The have been more than 255 persons kill-York. In addition, two men and a council however, must assemble in a ed in various cities by drinking wood woman were picked up unconscious fortnight after ratification is com- alcohol, declared that in the past few on New York streets and two men in pleted at Paris as the carrying out of weeks thousands of habitual drinkthe municipal primary held at Passaic in similar condition, all four some provisions of the treaty are endering because of their fear of wood drugs because of their fear of wood

"In New York city," said the commissioner "there are between 100,000 even roughly estimate the ' number throughout the country. The advent tion without governmental control of the drug trade is ridiculous.

"Back of all this hellish misery caused by the illicit sale of heroin, for the country in the illicit liquor in- that would insure ratification early morphine and cocaine, all of them derivatives of opium, there is what I last week. call 'the drug ring.' The headquarters of the group of men comprising this S. C., spent Christmas here with Mrs cretly tightening the meshes of a net about these men and before long I Fannie Edwards. saw a number of other senators and hope to bring them to justice. Who these men are I am not prepared to at Leo,, S. C., spent Xmas holidays

"Hundreds of theusands of pounds talk with Senator McNair. Later Mr. of crude opium, grown in India, are The remaining four men are Aloph McNary conferred with several on the shipped to this country via China. Here the opinum is manufactured into its derivatives. There is absolutely no medical use for heroin. Then the morphine, heroin and cocaine is shipped out of America and smuggled children of Rowland spent a few days back by the way of Mexico and Canada. It is imperative that there shall be worked out some system of interdrug evil will persist so long as it is possible for American manufacturers to prepare the opium, ship it away mother, Mrs. Annie Carmichaef. and then regain control of the drugs through smuggling.

# Urges Federal Control.

"It is incumbent upon the federal can be considered to push some plan Salem College and Eugene Carmicafor the control of the parcotic evil. ael and Burt Roberts of Wofford Fit-Drugs are so easily concealed; the ting School.

Dr. Copeland declared that at th ment is treating about 900 c

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NEWSEY LETTERS BY REGULAR CORRESPONDENTS.

Readers Ebb and Flow of the Human Tide.

### Sellers.

A gloom was cast over the Xmas festivities when it was learned that passed away at her home in Latta Saturday afternoon, December 19th. and motherless. In the midst of life we are in death.

Prof. Baker and his assistants gave the school children a Xmes tree Friday afternoon, after which Mr. Summerly's music pupils gave an excellent recital on the new piano.

Miss Nelle Sellers entertained younger set Friday evening at her beautiful home in Watsonville, Bananas with whipped cream and fruit cake were served to the guests ..

Our college girls are all home for the holidays. Miss Elizabeth Page from Winthrop, Misses Lillian Ramseur, Elizabeth and Ruth Sellers from Columbia College. Another marriage of interest is

that of Miss May Oliver of Marietta on December 31st. Born to Mr. and Mrs. H. F. Hughes

a son on Thursday, December 18th...

Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Rogers and baby of Greensboro visited relatives here

Mr. and Mrs. M. K. Fort of North, W. K. Fort.

Mrs. Russell Smoaks of near Spartanburg is visiting her mother, Mrs. Miss Ora Rogers, who is teaching

at home. Mrs. Noah Taylor and baby of Melrose, Va., are visiting Mr. and Mrs.

C. E. Taylor. Misses Coleen and Lucile Bethen of Greensboro spent the holidays at

Dr. and Mrs. T. W. Carmichael and

last week with relatives here. Mr. J. W. Atkinson is spending some time with his children at Cam-

Rev. H. C. Carmichael of Burlingon spent last week here with his Mr. and Mrs. L. K. Bethea and

children spent Sunday with Mr. and The following are home for the The young couple will make their government, upon the heads of oth- holidays from the different colleges: Panarelli, who acted as Romanelli's home at Clio. We extend to them our er governments, upon the league of Misses Willie and Sadie Moore of

# Latta, R. F. D. No. 2.

Miss Margaret Berry of Marion spent the week end with Misses Mary

John David Hayes of Florence is visiting his brother, Rev. Wilson Hayes who is very ill but we hope for

Tom Meggs visited relatives and friends at Spring Branch last week Steven Berry spent several days ith his brother, J. M. Berry,

Sam Dew of Zion Sunday with the nd Mrs. J. Rick

Coker Col-